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there was no such nation upon earth called English at that time, nor above 100 years after, 'till Hengist invaded this island, and, settling himself in it, the Saxons, who came with him, took the appellation of Englishmen.

Now, the English speech, though it be rich, copious, and significant, and that there be divers Dictionaries of it, yet, under favour, I cannot call it a regular language, in regard, though often attempted by some choice wits, there could never any Grammar of exact *syntaxis* be made of it; yet has she divers sub-dialects, as the Western and Northern English; but her chiefest is the Scotick, which took footing beyond Tweed about the last conquest. But the ancient language of Scotland is Irish, which the mountaineers, and divers of the plain, retain to this day. Thus, my Lord, according to my small model of observations, have I endeavoured to satisfy you in part. I shall, in my next, go on*; for, in the pursuance of any command from your Lordship, my mind is like a stone thrown into a deep water, which never rests till it goes to the bottom. So, for this time and always, I rest, my Lord, your most humble, and ready servitor,

Westminster, Aug. 9, 1630.

J. HOWELL.

THE WISDOM OF CATWG.

TRUISMS OF CATWG †.

God will never be displeased at your asking for justice:

God is never the poorer for always giving:

No one goes to Heaven on account of his pedigree or his valour:

Happiness is not the nearer for any man's gaiety:

The wise man will never turn from the right how great soever the difficulty:

* There are five other Letters, relating to the other languages of Europe, but, however interesting, of too general a nature for this publication.—ED.

† Arch. of Wales, vol. iii. p. 6. The three following collections of "Truisms" comprise all the axioms under that title, ascribed to Catwg in the Archaiology.

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Heaven is never the more confined on account of the numbers that go there :

He, that keeps not the little, will never arrive at much :

The sweet cannot be obtained without the knowledge of the bitter :

Health is only sweet in the presence of sickness :

It is not with the mild that you will find the most kindness :

It is not from the fluent tongue that the greatest wisdom proceeds :

It is not in mirth that the lightest heart will be found :

A kingdom will never be obtained by idle dreams :

It is not among the poorest that you will find the greatest want :

Excuses will not be easy on the Mount of Light,

When Conscience shall be displayed in all its nakedness,

In the presence of God the Ruler, and the Supreme Hosts,

And Christ judging it in the light of Justice.

OTHER TRUISMS*.

An honest man will keep his word upon every occasion :

A wise man will give you his counsel without disputing with you :

A prudent man will act his part and be content :

A just man will do his duty in spite of threats :

A brave man will go forward notwithstanding the worst efforts of the enemy :

Truth will find its way in spite of all obstacles :

The lover of peace will himself be beloved by all men :

Those of gentle disposition will procure respect wherever they go :

The silent man will be accounted the wisest of the wise :

The liberal man will be praised in the songs of the bards :

The handicraftsman will live where others starve :

The diligent man will rise to the rank of the great :

The polite man will have his station amongst those of the first rank :

The resolute man is submissively feared by all :

The man of firmness is loved by the brave :
 He that loves inquiry will become one of the learned :
 The meek will find protection both from brothers and
 strangers :
 The peace-maker shall be numbered as one of the angels :
 The cheerful will be light-hearted :
 The godly will have his station among the celestials.

MORE TRUISMS.*

NEVER is a truth spoken without glory to God the Father :
 Never is a lie told without containing treachery and deceit :
 Never is there a good deed without a ready requital :
 Never is there a bad deed without vengeance in wait for it :
 Never is pride without humiliation :
 Never is the want of it without exaltation :
 Never is a forward man without shame at last :
 Never is a modest man without respect :
 Never is an honest man without endless joy :
 Never is a dishonest man without escaping punishment :
 Never is a just man out of security :
 Never is the guilty without falling into complete misery :
 Never is a generous man without a happy conscience :
 Never is a miser without his load of trouble :
 Never is diligence without a crown to reward it :
 Never is idleness without a thousand anxieties :
 Never is discreetness without the blessing of God :
 Never is mischievousness without misfortune :
 Never is humility without rising to eminence :
 Never is ostentation without a great downfall :
 Never is righteousness without distinction :
 Never is unrighteousness without reproach and sorrow :
 Never is any thing just without justice about it :
 Never is wrong without wrong to ensue :
 Never is discretion without attaining distinction :
 Never is indiscretion without sinking from worse to worse :
 There is none but the godly that shall see, at the end,
 A Heaven to reward all the good of their lives.

* Arch. of Wales, vol. iii. p. 10.